

GENERAL AVIATION PILOT SURVEY

A survey of registered pilots in Arizona was conducted to obtain a profile of:

- Ratings
- Activity levels
- Other measures of aircraft usage
- Aircraft equipage
- Source and use of weather information data
- Assessment of airport facilities
- Assessment of services provided by airport operators and ADOT Aeronautics

The 500-sample survey distribution was segregated by region and further by VFR and IFR ratings based on statistics available from FAA records. Although survey respondents were not asked to provide their names, many did and this information was used to identify the appropriate response region. Otherwise, the postmark on the return envelope provided that indication. A total of 9 responses were unknown as to their origin as they bore neither a respondent address nor a postmark from within Arizona.

Table B-1 summarizes the distribution of the sample size and number of responses. Of the total pilots registered in Arizona, 51.5 percent hold only a VFR rating and 9.3 percent of all pilots are located in the northwest region of the State. Consequently, the VFR-only sample equated to a total of 258 pilots from which a sample size of 24 was selected from the northwest region.

Not all pilots responded to each question and therefore totals do not balance. Averages were calculated for certain questions and these are noted on the consolidated survey forms Exhibit B-1 and B-2 with associated attachments.

Table B-1
PILOT SURVEY SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION

		VFR-Onl	y Rated Pilots	IFR R	ated Pilots
Region	County	Sample	Responses	Sample	Responses
Northwest	Mohave Yavapai	24	0	19	6
Northeast	Apache Coconino Navajo	3	1	2	0
Southwest	La Paz Pima Yuma	48	14	46	19
Valley	Maricopa	166	31	165	48
Southeast	Cochise Giles Graham Greenlee Pinal Santa Cruz	17	1	10	3
Unknown		-	5		3
Total	·	258	52	242	79

VFR-Only Rated Pilots

Responses to Questions 1 through 6 give a general profile of VFR-only pilots. Nearly all fly single-engine piston aircraft an average about 2.1 hours per flight. Some 86 percent of all the flights are less than 200 nautical miles and nearly all are less than 500 nautical miles. Most pilots are flying to airports in Maricopa, Pima, Yavapai and Yuma counties; however, this factor is influenced by the resultant regional distribution and number of responses. These pilots tend to fly for personal or pleasure flying; about 24 percent use the aircraft for business or for non-recreational purposes.

Responses to questions related to facilities and services at airports most utilized by each respondent are summarized in Attachment B-1. The fact that some airports are listed as having "Excellent" and "Poor" conditions for a particular facility by different respondents highlights the subjective quality of these responses. These survey results may be best used by noting those airports with poor condition assessments and comparing them with facilities considered as excellent. This may then lead to a distinction of those factors or characteristics which pilots associate with a particular standard level.

Question 8, provides insight to the aviation services these pilots require. The responses support a need for low-lead avgas which is consistent with the types of aircraft flown (Question 2) and a strong preference for areas where flight planning activities can be conducted. The latter is demonstrated in the relatively high demand for weather, telephone and flight planning room facilities. Services related to off-airport items such as places of lodging and rental cars to visit area attractions are relatively low in demand. Because 17 or nearly 33 percent of the respondents rent the aircraft they fly (Question 10), those expressing a need for aircraft maintenance service account for about one-half of those responding.

Question 9 provides a summary of aircraft equipage used by VFR-only pilots. The results shown are to be expected for the type rating held and aircraft used. It is interesting to note that 13 or 25 percent of the respondents are using VHF radios of the 360 channel/50kHz spacing and that few upgrades in radio communications are likely in the next five years (Question 10). Also, the survey responses indicate that nearly 37 percent of the aircraft being flown are equipped with a VFR GPS receiver and a comparable percentage are glide slope- and DME-capable.

The series of queries from Questions 12 through 20 relate to the need and use of weather data. Most pilots check weather conditions during 3 time periods—the night before, about 3 to 4 hours before and immediately prior to planned departure. These pilots rely primarily on data available from the FSS/AFSS,

although this is complemented with reports broadcast directly from the National Weather Service. Nearly 62 percent of the pilots take a more direct role in obtaining weather data by accessing DUATS and AWOS/ASOS units. When asked to rate the frequency of update/quality of these data sources, the pilots were most satisfied with the serviced offered by the FSS/AFSS. Other Very Satisfactory ratings were given to DUATS. Satisfactory ratings were more broadly distributed with network television broadcasts most preferred followed by FSS/AFSS briefings. Of those responding to Unsatisfactory sources, broadcast radio appears to be the least favored.

Although AWOS units have been installed at airports since the mid-1980's, and ASOS facilities in more recent years, about 35 percent of the respondents were unfamiliar with this weather data source. Those who are accessing the facilities for pre-flight purposes generally obtain a voice report. About 36 percent of these pilots are utilizing computer/modem units for this purpose. Most pilots seek out departure and destination weather observations reported by the automated units and while en route (Question 19).

These pilots recognize the benefits of AWOS/ASOS facilities for flight-related purposes, but most do not utilize this information to support other activities (Question 18). When queried as to their willingness to pay a user fee to support the establishment and operation of a statewide aviation weather network, the majority of those responding (about 80 percent) were not so disposed. Of those in favor (some 20 percent), user fees ranged as high as \$2.00 per call with an average charge value equal to \$0.90.

Questions 21 through 24 relate to ADOT, Aeronautics Division services. In particular there appears to be positive reaction to a renewal of the Arizona Aeronautical Chart, interest in publications which address flight safety and describe airport facilities in the State, and the development of an aviation education/seminar geared to pilots.

The matter of State licensing airports and pilots (Question 23) received mixed reaction; however, some pilots expressing a "Not Important" selection used the open comment section (Question 24) to embellish on their perception that the FAA is accomplishing these licensing activities and that State involvement is not necessary.

With regard to Question 24 (open comments), few pilots used this opportunity; however, their comments are noted in Exhibit B-1.

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1.	Indicate your cu 52 Private pilot 0 Commercial 0 Airline trans	pilot	1 Airplane m 0 Rotorcraft	ingle-engine land rating oulti-engine land rating
2.	What type of air	craft do you typically opera	te?	
			0 Single-enging Multi-enging Rotorcraft	
3.		s (a roundtrip is considered VFR and IFR regulations?		make and how many hours do you fly e Values Indicated
			<u>104</u> VFR hours <u>0</u> IFR hours	
4.	What percent of	your nonstop flights (stage	lengths) are within	n the following ranges?
	36 51 to 100 r 19 101 to 200	hin 50 nautical miles nautical miles nautical miles nautical miles	4 301 to 400 r 4 401 to 500 0 501 to 600 1 greater than	nautical miles
5.	To which countie	es in Arizona do you fly and	how frequently?	Average Values Indicated
	County	Number of Annual Trips	County	Number of Annual Trips
	Apache Cochise Coconino Gila Graham La Paz Maricopa	2 3 3 2 4 4 16	Mohave Navajo Pima Pinal Santa Cruz Yavapai Yuma	2 3 16 4 3 7 13
	States	Number of Annual Trips	ing neighboring sta	ates?
	CA CO NM NV UT Mexico	5 2 2 2 2 5 2		
6.	For which purpo	ses do you utilize airport fa	cilities? (Check all	that apply)
	51 Personal use 10 Business use 1 Emergency t 0 Medical evad	e use (a result of a search & i	rescue, firefighting	, disaster, etc.)

 From a pilot's perspective, please rate the public airport facilities that you visit in the State frequently for the factors listed below and indicate the names of those airports which you Excellent or Poor. 		of those airports which you rate as
Facility	Excellent Names of Airpo	Poor Poor
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Airport Navaids Terminal facilities FBO services Airport communications		
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50 Fuel (100LL) 0 Fuel (Jet A) 18 Maintenance (engine) 14 Maintenance (airframe) 15 Avionics	25 Weather 17 Rental car 1 Oxygen 37 Telephone Lodging	24 Flight planning room 37 Tiedown 13 Aircraft rental 24 Lounge/waiting area Other: 80 Fuel (1) Restaurant (1)
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11. In your opinion, which Arizona airports need first-time or additional instrument approaches and, importantly, why? Also indicate the potential type instrument approach to be considered and evaluated for this airport(s):

Most frequently mentioned airports included: Phoenix-Deer Valley needs an ILS (very busy, especially training activity); Sedona should have an instrument approach (treacherous terrain); Phoenix-Goodyear should have an ILS (intensive training).

- 12. There is a natural tendency to check the weather prior to flight depending on the expected general conditions. Assuming you anticipate generally *VFR* conditions at your departure, destination and alternate airports and along your intended route of flight, how often and when do you check weather conditions? (Check all that apply)
 - 3 Do not check weather if VFR
 - 1.8 days in advance (indicate number of days) Average Value Indicated
 - 32 The night before
 - 28 3.2 hours before departure (indicate number of hours) Average Value Indicated
 - 35 Immediately before departure
 - O Other (please specify)
- 13. Assuming that there is or may be expected to be *IFR* weather, how often and when do you check weather conditions in advance of your flight? (Check all that apply)
 - 52 I am not an IFR-rated pilot
 - 0 days in advance (indicate number of days) Average Value Indicated
 - 1 The night before
 - hours before departure (indicate number of hours) Average Value Indicated
 - 3 Immediately before departure
 - _0_ Other (please specify) _____
- 14. What sources do you use to obtain pre-flight aviation weather and forecast information? (Check all that apply)
 - 47_ FSS/AFSS
 - 18 National Weather Service
 - 10 Broadcast radio
 - 28 Television station
 - 17 DUATS
 - 15 AWOS or ASOS
 - 0 Commercial vendor
 - 2 Other (please specify) Intemet (1) The Weather Channel (1)
- 15. How would you rate the frequency of update and quality of service of the aviation weather data you receive from the sources you checked in Question 14 above? Frequency and quality of service are defined as being responsive to your needs for aviation weather data and reports for flight planning.

Source	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
FSS/AFSS NWS Broadcast radio Television station DUATS AWOS or ASOS Commercial vendor Other: Internet Weather Channel	31 4 1 3 12 12 2 1	20 13 11 23 18 11 4 0	3 0 4 5 1 3 0 0
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16.	When you access an AWOS or ASOS on the ground, do you? (Check all that apply)
	 Am unfamiliar with the AWOS or ASOS equipment Telephone one or more AWOS/ASOS units directly for a voice report Utilize a computer and modem at home or office Utilize a computer and modem at an airport location
17.	How do you use AWOS/ASOS facilities in your flight activities? (Check all that apply)
	17 Departure airport, latest report 21 Destination airport, latest report 5 Alternate airport, latest report 9 En route airports, latest report 5 All of the above 7 Latest report for other airports near your departure, destination and alternate airports Earlier reports for those airports checked extending back every for (for example, every 30 minutes for 2 hours) Average Value Indicated
18.	Do you access an AWOS or ASOS on the ground or for purposes other than flight planning?
	9 Yes If yes, indicate purposes and how frequently you use service: 28 No General weather information; kite flying; conditions during storms
19.	While en route airborne, do you routinely tune in AWOS/ASOS frequencies along your intended route of flight to monitor weather conditions?
	<u>22</u> Yes <u>20</u> No
20.	ADOT, Aeronautics Division is studying the technical and financial feasibility of a statewide real-time aviation weather information system. There is also the likelihood that this data will be linked to the national weather network. Would you be willing to pay a user fee for the establishment and maintenance costs for such a system?
	9 Yes If Yes, indicate a suggested user fee: a user charge of \$0,90 per call Average Value Indicated
21.	Earlier, ADOT, Aeronautics Division published an Arizona Aeronautical Chart. Would you like to see this chart published and distributed (the chart would not be authorized for aeronautical use, but for reference/informational purposes only)?
	<u>36</u> Yes <u>5</u> No <u>10</u> No opinion
22.	What other services should ADOT, Aeronautics Division develop, pursue and encourage which address aviation needs in Arizona?
	36Guide to AZ airports5Conferences14Monthly Newsletter23Aviation Education/Seminars – Adult24Safety Letter/Accident Briefs9Aviation Education/Seminars - High School20Flying Tips (quarterly)2Art Contests
	3 Other (please specify) Fly-In Campgrounds (2); Re-open grapevine for general aviation use airstrip (1)

		Very Important	Not Important	No Opinion
AZ Ai	lots Licensed rports Licensed (please specify)	17 18	<u>25</u> <u>14</u>	8 10
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25.	The following inform	ation request is optional:		
	Name Address			

Please return this survey form in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope to:

QED P.O. Box 174 Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

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Response to Survey Question 7

This question requested the respondent to identify those airports in Arizona which he/she finds to have Excellent and Poor conditions with respect to one of several facilities. The responses were reviewed and summarized below, in alphabetical order. Those which were listed more frequently are highlighted for each category of facility and condition.

EXCELLENT CONDITIONS

POOR CONDITIONS

Runway Pavement

Avra Valley, Buckeye, Chandler, Coolidge, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Pinal, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma

Casa Grande, San Manuel

Taxiway Pavement

Avra Valley, Buckeye, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Buckeye, San Manuel, Sedona, Stellar

Apron/Taxiway Area

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Payson, Ryan, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma

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Aircraft Hangars

Avra Valley, Buckeye, Chandler, Douglas Municipal, Flagstaff, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway Avra Valley, Glendale, Ernest A. Love, San Manuel, Yuma

Fuel Availability

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Flagstaff, Kingman, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma

Phoenix-Goodyear, San Manuel

Fuel Service

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Flagstaff, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Phoenix-Deer Valley, San Manuel, Stellar

EXCELLENT CONDITIONS

POOR CONDITIONS

Airport Lighting

Avra Valley, Casa Grande, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma

San Manuel

VASI/PLASI/PAPI

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma San Manuel

Airport NAVAIDS

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, **Phoenix Sky Harbor**, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, **Tucson**, Williams Gateway, Yuma Phoenix-Deer Valley, San Manuel

Terminal Facilities

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Lake Havasu City, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Ernest A. Love, Ryan, San Manuel

FBO Services

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Ernest A. Love, Mesa-Falcon, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, San Mauel, Sedona

Airport Communications

Avra Valley, Chandler, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Glendale, Kingman, Laughlin/Bullhead, Mesa-Falcon, Nogales, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Stellar, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma San Manuel

IFR-Rated Pilots

The survey results based on responses provided by IFR-rated pilots are presented below. Where appropriate, comparisons with those from VFR-only rated pilots are offered to reflect the characteristics and user needs represented by each type of pilot group.

A general profile of the IFR-rated pilots in Arizona responding to the survey (Questions 1 through 6) indicate that a relatively high percentage, 43 percent, have airline transport ratings. This is due to the bases established in Phoenix by America West and Southwest airlines. These pilots also participate in general aviation activities and the majority of their responses reflected such participation. IFR-rated pilots tend to fly a wider range of aircraft types than those pilots with only a VFR rating (Question 2) and their activity levels are higher as well, averaging about 3 hours per VFR flight and nearly 1.8 hours per IFR flight (Question 3). These results also help account for the greater nonstop flight distances flown (Question 4). Travel destinations within and without Arizona for IFR-rated pilots show greater distribution by county than those of VFR-only rated pilots (Question 5) This result is consistent with general activity levels of more trips of longer duration. IFR-rated pilots are more apt to fly for business-related purposes (51 percent) than those pilots with a VFR-only rating.

IFR-rated pilots identified airports with excellent and poor conditions for a range of facilities and services (Question 7) as shown in Attachment B-2. As in the case of VFR-only rated pilots, some airports received both excellent and poor ratings depending on the subjective view of the respondent. Nonetheless, some insight may be gained from the comparison of excellent and poor airports to determine appealing characteristics.

Aviation services required by IFR-rated pilots are quite similar to those indicated by VFR-only rated pilots on a percentage of response basis. Most IFR-rated pilots require fuel (a higher percentage need access to Jet A fuel), weather data, telephone access and an area for flight planning purposes (Question 8).

Aircraft operated by IFR-rated pilots are equipped with a higher level of radio transceivers, transponders and avionics than those used by VFR-only rated pilots. In particular, the IFR-rated pilot operate aircraft equipped with dual VHF receivers, and dual VOR, glide slope, DME and GPS (VFR- and IFR-certified) avionics (Question 9). About the same percentage of IFR-rated and VFR-only rated pilots do not own the aircraft they operate. The remaining owners are, however, more likely to upgrade the radio communications and avionics which are installed in their aircraft. Preferred upgrades are both VFR- and IFR-certified GPS receivers (Question 10).

IFR-rated pilots check weather conditions at about the same rate as VFR-only rated pilots when VFR or IFR conditions are expected. This result appears reasonable given that the severity of IFR conditions in terms of ceilings and visibilities will determine whether the pilot will conduct the flight. As in the case of VFR-only rated pilots, IFR-rated pilots rely on the FSS/AFSS as a primary source of pre-flight weather and forecast conditions (Question 14). However, as opposed to the VFR-only rated pilots, they also are more likely to engage the services of a commercial vendor. An assessment of the quality of service offered by these sources (Question 15) tracks generally with the responses to this question by VFR-only rated pilots. Most find the service offered by the FSS/AFSS to be very satisfactory and are more favorably disposed to that provided by the NWS. Media broadcasts of weather are utilized by IFR-rated pilots and these sources are considered satisfactory in fulfilling operating needs.

IFR-rated pilots are more familiar with and utilize the data from AWOS and ASOS units to a greater extent than VFR-only rated pilots (Question 16). Nonetheless, nearly 23 percent of all IFR pilots were unfamiliar with the equipment. As expected, given the nature of IFR flying, those pilots utilizing AWOS and ASOS facilities obtain data from as many airport locations involving their route of flight as possible (Question 17). Interestingly, IFR-rated pilots make little use of AWOS and ASOS data for non-flight purposes than do VFR-only rated pilots (Question 18). Use of AWOS and ASOS data awhile en route is about evenly mixed and comparable to that expressed by VFR-only rated pilots (Question 19). IFR-rated pilots were more inclined to financially support a statewide real-time aviation weather information system than VFR-only rated pilots, 20 percent versus 17 percent, but they placed a comparable average value to a user fee charge of about \$0.92 per call (Question 26).

IFR-rated pilots also support the re-introduction of an Arizona Aeronautical chart and are receptive to receiving other publications related to flight safety (Questions 21 and 22). Yet, the inclination toward ADOT Aeronautics licensing of pilots and airports was not given overriding support (Question 23). These results are comparable to those expressed by VFR-only rated pilots.

Question 24 provides the IFR-rated pilot an opportunity to offer any additional comments. These are summarized in Exhibit B-2.

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1. Indicate your current highest ratings held:

79 Instrument rating

- 15Private pilot42Airplane single-engine land rating30Commercial pilot50Airplane multi-engine land rating34Airline transport pilot11Rotorcraft rating
 - 11 Rotorcraft rating
 18 Other rating (specify) CFI (7) CFII (6) SES (1)

FE (1) Glider (3)

2. What type of aircraft do you typically operate?

46Single-engine piston2Single-engine turboprop18Multi-engine piston8Multi-engine turboprop21Turbojet7Rotorcraft

3. How many flights (a roundtrip is considered 2 flights) do you make and how many hours do you fly annually under VFR and IFR regulations?

Average Values Indicated

 153
 VFR flights
 465
 VFR hours

 154
 IFR flights
 280
 IFR hours

4. What percent of your nonstop flights (stage lengths) are within the following ranges?

 33
 local to within 50 nautical miles
 7
 301 to 400 nautical miles

 14
 51 to 100 nautical miles
 7
 401 to 500 nautical miles

 13
 101 to 200 nautical miles
 3
 501 to 600 nautical miles

 12
 201 to 300 nautical miles
 11
 greater than 600 nautical miles

5. To which counties in Arizona do you fly and how frequently? Average Values Indicated

County	Number of Annual Trips	County	Number of Annual Trips
Apache	5	Mohave	11
Cochise	56	Navajo	11
Coconino	156	Pima	29
Gila	27	Pinal	33
Graham	<u>15</u>	Santa Cruz	11
La Paz	18	Yavapai	134
Maricopa	144	Yuma	12

And, how frequently do you fly to the following neighboring states?

<u>States</u>	Number of Annual Trips	
CA	66	
CO	33	
NM	46	
NV	56	
UT	33	
Mexico	12	
UT	33	

- 6. For which purposes do you utilize airport facilities? (Check all that apply)
 - 50 Personal use
 - 51 Business use
 - 3 Emergency use (a result of a search & rescue, firefighting, disaster, etc.)
 - 3 Medical evacuation
 - 6 (Other) Training

7.	From a pilot's perspective, please rate the public airport facilities that you visit in the State m frequently for the factors listed below and indicate the names of those airports which you rate Excellent or Poor.		you visit in the State most e airports which you rate as
		Names of Airports	Door.
	<u>Facility</u>	Excellent	Poor
	Runway pavement Apron, tiedown area Aircraft hangars Fuel availability		
		fer to Attachment B-2 for Summary	of Responses
	Airport lighting		
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	Airport Navaids		
	Terminal facilities		
	FBO services		
	Airport communications		
8.	What aviation services do you rec	quire at the airports you use? (Che	ck all that apply)
	48_ Fuel (100LL)	41 Weather	36 Flight planning room
	26 Fuel (Jet A)	21 Rental car	43 Tiedown
	18 Maintenance (engine)	6 Oxygen	10 Aircraft rental
	19 Maintenance (airframe)	<u>44</u> Telephone	29 Lounge/waiting area
	20 Avionics	17_ Lodging	_5_ Other: 80/87 Fuel (2)
			Restaurant (3)
9.	What types of radio communication Question 2 above? (Check all that	ons and avionics are installed in the at apply)	aircraft identified in
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11. In your opinion, which Arizona airports need first-time or additional instrument approaches and, importantly, why? Also indicate the potential type instrument approach to be considered and evaluated for this airport(s):

Most frequently mentioned airports included: Show Low needs ILS (NDB is poor/unreliable; mountainous setting); Sedona (NDB unreliable); Scottsdale should have an ILS (heavy use airport, impact of McDowell Mountains, and possible alternate); Phoenix-Deer Valley needs ILS and GPS (for student training); Phoenix-Goodyear needs GPS or ILS (student training); Mesa-Falcon Field needs an ILS 22 (NDB has poor reception. Other airports mentioned include Lake Havasu City Municipal (GPS), Avi Suquilla (GPS/ILS), Laughlin/Bullhead International (ILS/GPS), Payson (GPS to support search/rescue mission)) and Safford Rgional (GPS for air cargo and based medical evacuation unit).

- 12. There is a natural tendency to check the weather prior to flight depending on the expected general conditions. Assuming you anticipate generally *VFR* conditions at your departure, destination and alternate airports and along your intended route of flight, how often and when do you check weather conditions? (Check all that apply)
 - 6 Do not check weather if VFR
 - 21 1.3 days in advance (indicate number of days) Average Value Indicated
 - 29 The night before
 - 49 3.5 hours before departure (indicate number of hours) Average Value Indicated
 - 36 Immediately before departure
 - 2 Other (please specify) As Required/Necessary
- 13. Assuming that there is or may be expected to be *IFR* weather, how often and when do you check weather conditions in advance of your flight? (Check all that apply)
 - 0 I am not an IFR-rated pilot
 - 25 1.7 days in advance (indicate number of days) Average Value Indicated
 - 37 The night before
 - 53 2.7 hours before departure (indicate number of hours) Average Value Indicated
 - 45 Immediately before departure
 - 2 Other (please specify) As Necessary
- 14. What sources do you use to obtain pre-flight aviation weather and forecast information? (Check all that apply)
 - 59 FSS/AFSS
 - 23 National Weather Service
 - 13 Broadcast radio
 - 34 Television station
 - 34 DUATS
 - 23_ AWOS or ASOS
 - 17 Commercial vendor
 - 5 Other (please specify) Internet (2) AOPA Channel (2) The Weather Channel (2)
- 15. How would you rate the frequency of update and quality of service of the aviation weather data you receive from the sources you checked in Question 14 above? Frequency and quality of service are defined as being responsive to your needs for aviation weather data and reports for flight planning.

Source	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
FSS/AFSS NWS Broadcast radio Television station DUATS AWOS or ASOS Commercial vendor Other: Internet AOPA Channel Weather Channel	41 15 3 11 18 15 12 1 1	20 13 11 23 18 11 4 1	3 0 4 5 1 3 0 0

	18 Am unfamiliar with the AWOS 27 Telephone one or more AWO 12 Utilize a computer and mode 16 Utilize a computer and mode	S/ASOS units directly for a voice report m at home or office
17.	How do you use AWOS/ASOS fac	ilities in your flight activities? (Check all that apply)
	Earlier reports for those airpo	ort
18.	Do you access an AWOS or ASOS	on the ground or for purposes other than flight planning?
		urposes and how frequently you use service: aid for students
19.	While en route airborne, do you ro route of flight to monitor weather c	utinely tune in AWOS/ASOS frequencies along your intended onditions?
	<u>38</u> Yes <u>32</u> No	
20.	real-time aviation weather informat	dying the technical and financial feasibility of a statewide ion system. There is also the likelihood that this data will be rork. Would you be willing to pay a user fee for the sists for such a system?
	21 Yes If Yes, indicate a	suggested user fee: a user charge of \$0,92 per call Average Value Indicated
21.		n published an Arizona Aeronautical Chart. Would you like tributed (the chart would not be authorized for aeronautical use, poses only)?
	<u>45</u> Yes <u>9</u> No	18 No opinion
22.	What other services should ADOT, which address aviation needs in A	Aeronautics Division develop, pursue and encourage izona?
	33 Guide to AZ airports 14 Monthly Newsletter 32 Safety Letter/Accident Briefs 16 Flying Tips (quarterly) 20 Fly – In's 5 Other (please specify) Recre Weather Operations and Survival,	11 Conferences 30 Aviation Education/Seminars – Adult 14 Aviation Education/Seminars - High School 0 Art Contests eation Airports, Encourage New Student pilot Training, Hot Fly-In Campgrounds and Free Instructor Renewal Clinic

When you access an AWOS or ASOS on the ground, do you? (Check all that apply)

16.

23. Some states regulate/license some aspects of aviation for the purpose of standardizing procedures and/or maintaining a certain level of quality/professionalism. Please indicate your opinion of the importance of ADOT Aeronautics licensing.

	Very Important	Not Important	No Opinion
AZ Pilots Licensed AZ Airports Licensed Other (please specify)	<u>13</u> 19	<u>38</u> <u>25</u>	<u>11</u>

 Thank you for participating in this survey. Please use the space below to provide additional comments.

Comments offered by respondents are presented below, in no order of priority. Where the comment is similar to others made, the frequency of similar comments are noted in ().

In my experience flying around Arizona, I think most facilities are well maintained. Fill in the ditches along R/W 3L-21R to help traffic flow and reduce potential for incidents.

Need more ILS approaches.

A list of all airports with emergency use capabilities is badly needed.

I am not aware that you can telephone access the AWOS reporting point.

Aviation is already over-regulated by the Feds. No additional State requirements are needed or wanted. Cost of annual State registration is excessive and detrimental to encouraging aircraft ownership. (10)

Thank you for the interest in conducting this survey and the great efforts you put forth to keep the skies safe. (4)

An ILS approach in the northern half of the Phoenix area would be very useful for training purposes. It's hard to stay sharp on IFR techniques in Arizona.

GPS is the answer.

Airports are a zoning problem not a "licensing" situation. The local airports have operational rules that are basically FAA coordinated. The "business" rules are locally developed. The ADOT should review these "rules" and maybe "jaw bone" some municipalities if necessary, but stay out of further regulation.

A single GPS landing system ground station strategically located could provide landing guidance to DVT, GEU and Litchfield as well as Sky Harbor. This should be high on the priority list.

I think that it is unnecessary to build an AWOS/ASOS system in Arizona as low IFR conditions are rare. When I lived in Colorado, I would have paid a user fee to access weather data where there is none now. The only thing that I would like as far as weather information in Arizona is live WX radar that I could access by computer. I would like to see more recreational flying facilities built. With shoreline access to some of the big lakes, nothing fancy, just a runway and tiedown area. I wouldn't even spend the money that they did in Payson, just bulldoze it and it.

I feel for the most part Arizona aviation is adequately supported. While things like real time weather would be nice about 5 to 6 days a year, I don't think the service would be worth the cost. More value could be attained from more telephone accessible ASOS and AWOS facilities, especially in the north and southeast areas of the State.

Possibly change the CTAF at Wickenburg Airport to another not so congested frequency. While airborne around Wickenburg it becomes difficult to give valuable position reports when Buckeye traffic is congesting the radio.

25 .	The following information request is optional:					
	Name Address					
	Telephone					
Please	return this survey fo	orm in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope to:				

QED P.O. Box 174 Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

IFR GENERAL AVIATION PILOT SURVEY

Response to Survey Question 7

This question requested the respondent to identify those airports in Arizona which he/she finds to have Excellent and Poor conditions with respect to one of several facilities. The responses were reviewed and summarized below, in alphabetical order. Those which were listed more frequently are **highlighted** for each category of facility and condition.

EXCELLENT CONDITIONS

POOR CONDITIONS

Runway Pavement

Avra Valley, Chandler, Douglas Municipal, Ernest A. Love, Glendale, Laughlin/Bullhead, Libby AAF/Sierra Vista, Mesa-Falcon, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Bagdad, Casa Grande, Eloy, Libby AAF/Sierra Vista, Sedona, Sells, Show Low, Tombstone

Taxiway Pavement

Avra Valley, Chandler, Flagstaff, Glendale, Libby AAF/Sierra Vista, Payson, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Tucson, Williams Gateway, Yuma Avi Suquilla, Bisbee-Douglas, Casa County, Cochise County, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Greenlee County, Laughlin/Bullhead, Libby AAF/ Sierra Vista, Payson, Sedona, Tombstone

Apron/Taxiway Area

Avra Valley, Laughlin/Bullhead, Libby AAF/ Sierra Vista, Payson, Ryan, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Scottsdale, Sedona, Tucson Bagdad, Bisbee, Casa Grande, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon National, Greenlee County, Laughlin/Bullhead, Page, Phoenix-Goodyear, Sedona

Aircraft Hangars

Avra Valley, Cottonwood, Douglas Municipal, Flagstaff, Mesa-Falcon, Phoenix Deer Valley, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Tucson, Wickenburg Grand Canyon National, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Tucson

Fuel Availability

Avra Valley, Flagstaff, Mesa-Falcon, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, **Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan**, Scottsdale, **Tucson**, Williams Gateway, Yuma Gila Bend, Greenlee County

Fuel Service

Avra Valley, Douglas Municipal, Ernest A. Love, Flagstaff, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Tucson, Williams Gateway Grand Canyon National, Page

EXCELLENT CONDITIONS

POOR CONDITIONS

Airport Lighting

Avi Suquilla, Casa Grande, Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City, Libby AAF/Sierra Vista, Mesa-Falcon, Page, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Sedona, Tucson Winslow

VASI/PLASI/PAPI

Casa Grande, Douglas Municipal, Ernest A. Love, Payson, **Phoenix Sky Harbor**, Ryan, Scottsdale, **Tucson**, Williams Gateway Bisbee-Douglas, Sedona

Airport NAVAIDS

Casa Grande, Ernest A. Love, Mesa-Falcon, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Tucson, Williams Gateway Greenlee County, Phoenix-Goodyear, Scottsdale

Terminal Facilities

Avra Valley, Page, Phoenix-Deer Valley, Phoenix-Goodyear, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Scottsdale, Sedona, Tucson

Greenlee County, Libby AAF/ Sierra Vista, Ryan

FBO Services

Casa Grande, Ernest A. Love, Lake Havasu City, Phoenix-Deer Valley, **Phoenix Sky Harbor**, Scottsdale, Sedona, Tucson Flagstaff, Grand Canyon National, Libby AAF/Sierra Vista, Page, Phoenix-Goodyear, Ryan, Sedona

Airport Communications

Douglas Municipal, Phoenix-Goodyear, Payson, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ryan, Scottsdale, Tucson, Yuma Avra Valley, Gila Bend, Mesa-Falcon

Comparison With Other Surveys

The results of the surveys conducted in Arizona may be compared to those reflecting nationwide and the FAA Western-Pacific Region (Arizona, California and Nevada) data, and those obtained from a similar effort prepared by QED for the State of Iowa. These other surveys reflect 1995 conditions. Table B-2 presents a summary comparison of the survey data. The national and Western-Pacific Region data as reported by the FAA in its "General Aviation and Air Taxi Activity and Avionics Survey" is limited for comparison purposes to aircraft equipage. The Iowa survey data addresses both equipage and source and use of aviation weather data.

The results of the comparison indicate that Arizona has higher values of equipage than the national, regional and lowa indices. This may be attributable, in part, to the three-four year time difference in the survey periods. Yet, the results are interesting given that Arizona generally enjoys a VFR climate during most of the year and 30 airports in its 87-airport system, or some 35 percent, have published instrument approaches. This contrasts with a higher percentage of lowa pilots expressing an intent to upgrade to GPS-VFR or GPS-IFR receivers than expected in Arizona.

Accessing weather sources and the use of AWOS and ASOS facilities were surveyed in Arizona and Iowa. The results are summarized in Table B-3 for comparison purposes. Although the same measures were surveyed, operating conditions in lowa with regard to weather data sources and quite different than those currently in Arizona. By 1995, the Iowa Department of Transportation had the Iowa Aviation Weather System (IAWS) operational based on the concept defined earlier by QED. The IAWS included the deployment of 32 AWOS-3 units linked on a real-time basis to a host computer. Users could access individual AWOS units as is common to this equipment, or dial a local telephone number to reach the host computer and receive the data via a computer with modem connection. There is no cost to the user to contact the IAWS host computer. Accordingly, lowa pilots are more accustomed to obtaining aviation weather through this means than pilots in most other states including Arizona. Comparison of the data in Table B-3 supports this situation. Iowa pilots make more use of AWOS and ASOS network technology than those users in states which do not have similar capabilities. Consequently, the values for Arizona and lowa might be viewed as a potential "before and after" scenario. Pilots from both states access available AWOS and ASOS data for comparable purposes. And, both groups of pilots share in their minority view, about 25 percent on average, concerning the payment of a user fee to support a statewide real-time aviation weather information system.

Table B-2
SURVEY COMPARISON
COMMUNICATIONS AND AVIONICS

	Autoria Milia				FAA Su	Survey Data (1995) (%) Western-	
Communications	Arizona Pilots Survey (1997) (%)			lowa Pilots Survey	State of	United	
and Avionics	VFR IFR		Total	(1995) (%)	Arizona	Pacific Region	States
No VHF Radio	1.9	0.0	0.8	3.3	5.0	3.4	5.6
VHF Radio (360/50)	1.9	12.7	17.6	28.5	23.9	22.0	22.7
VHF Radio (720/25)	59.6	96.2	61.8	28.5	53.5	54.0	51.1
Dual VHF Radios	25.0	77.2	56.5	67.6	50.6	50.9	48.1
Transponder Mode A	1.9	13.9	9.2	Not Avl	4.2	5.3	5.8
Transponder Mode C	92.3 3.8	83.5 8.9	87.0 6.9	42.3 3.3	64.5 1.6	65.9 1.3	59.8 1.3
Transponder Mode S							
ADF Receiver	55.8	75.9	67.9	62.6	39.2	36.6	40.1
VOR Receiver	63.5	54.4	58.0	33.3	44.7	43.7	41.4
Dual VOR Receivers	34.6	79.7	61.8	54.5	45.7	47.0	43.9
Glide Slope Receiver	34.6	88.6	67.2	58.5	44.4	45.9	42.5
DME Receiver	40.4	79.7	64.1	43.9	34.7	32.6	29.1
Loran-C Receiver (VFR)	15.4	17.7	16.8	43.1	16.9	27.3	27.3
Loran-C Receiver (IFR)	3.8	7.6	6.1	8.1	2.5	1.5	3.3
RNAV Equipment	3.8	35.4	22.9	0.8	8.5	9.0	10.6
GPS Receiver (VFR)	36.5	35.4	35.9	16.3	23.8	24.4	23.3
GPS Receiver (IFR)	0.0	16.5	9.9	Not Avl	2.2	2.2	2.8
Omega Navigation System	0.0	5.1	3.1	5.7	0.0	0.2	0.3
Upgrade to GPS Receiver (VFR)	5.8	7.6	6.9	25.8	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Av
Upgrade to GPS Receiver (IFR)	13.5	11.3	12.2	43.8	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Av

Table B-3
SURVEY COMPARISON
WEATHER DATA SOURCES AND USE

					FAA Survey Data (1995) (%)		
Source of Weather Data,	Arizona Pilots Survey (1997) (%)			lowa Pilots Survey	Western-		
Ground Access Options and					State of	Pacific	United
AWOS / ASOS Data Requirements	VFR	<u>IFR</u>	Total	(1995) (%)	Arizona	Region	States
Source of Weather Data	_						
FSS / AFSS	90.4	74.7	80.9	91.6	Not Avl	Not Avi	Not Avi
National Weather Service	34.6	29.1	31.3	26.0	Not Avl	Not Avi	Not Avi
Broadcast Radio / Television	73.1	55.7	64.9	74.7	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
DUATS	32.7	43.0	38.9	37.3	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
AWOS / ASOS	28.8	29.1	29.0	(IAWS) 42.3	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
Commercial Vendor	0.0	21.5	13.0	9.6	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
Internet	1.9	2.5	2.3	Not AvI	Not Avl	Not AvI	Not Avi
Weather Channel	1.9	2.5	2.3	5.0	Not Avl	Not AvI	Not Avi
Ground Access of AWOS / ASOS							
Telephone One or More AWOS / ASOS	34.6	34.2	34.4	81.0	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
Utilize Computer / Modem at Home / Office	11.5	15.2	13.7	17.0	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi
Utilize Computer / Modem at Airport	7.7	20.2	12.2	41.5	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi
AWOS / ASOS Data Requirements							
Departure Airport	32.7	39.2	36.6	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi
Destination Airport	40.4	46.8	44.3	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi
Alternate Airport	9.6	22.8	17.6	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi
En Route	17.3	29.1	24.4	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi	Not Avi
All of the Above	9.6	22.8	17.6	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avl	Not Avi
Future AWOS Network							
Support of AWOS Network User Fee	17.3	26.6	22.9	26.5	Not Avi	Not Avl	Not Avi